# ARIZONA COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL (AZ CCC) RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2007 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm TGen Board Room

#### In Attendance

Barbara Kavanagh, John Carpten, Tim Flood, Mike Berens, Kay Kays, Veronica Vensor, Kendra Sabol, Sharon Jaycox. Joan Conner-Bald, Keith Provan, Jessica Han.

## Update on Status of the AZCCCC

Kendra Sabol presented information on an upcoming "Arizona and New Mexico Cancer Center Summit". The Arizona Comprehensive Cancer Control Program will be a sponsor for the event.

# **Cancer Network Analysis**

Keith Provan reviewed the status of the survey that will go out to decision makers of organization affiliated with cancer research. The survey will use measures based upon the types of cancer activities the organization is engaged. Thirty-five organizations throughout the state that are core to CCC's mission have been selected. The summer will be spent on follow-up and working towards a 100% response rate. The data collected will be organized and coded.

Tim Flood inquired about the project funding and the committee was informed that Scott was able to fund some of it but recommendations or request for additional funding will be necessary for continuation of the project.

#### **Tissue Banking Assessment**

Kendra Sabol and Kay Kays are both on workgroups for the AzTransNet and will give reports at the next meeting.

Sharon Jaycox has been communicating with Matthew Nelson, Assistant Vice President, Research and Technology Programs, The Flinn Foundation. Committee recommended that she maintain contact and extend invitation for him to speak at a future meeting. Sharon to follow-up on request.

#### Patient Advocacy

Barbara Kavanagh reported that the Arizona Myeloma Network is planning three regional workshops: in Phoenix, Tucson, and Northern Arizona. The conferences will focus on bringing about patient awareness relating to cancer research. The proposed workshops will be funded in part by a \$10,000 Grant awarded to AzMN by the Arizona Department of Health Services Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

### Other Items

The Arizona Myeloma Network (AzMN) collaborated with the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition for a "Living with Myeloma "conference on March 31, 2007 in Tucson. Dr. Carpten and other speakers presented with plaque for participation. Barbra will provide an evaluation of the conference at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 31, 2007 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm at The Wellness Community